

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 994

By Jackson

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Dr. Donald Ross Webb of Jackson.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Dr. Donald Ross Webb; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Don Webb was an esteemed dental practitioner for more than four decades, a consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born on July 30, 1921, in Jackson to Johnnie Cockrill and Donald Ross "Billy" Webb, Dr. Webb graduated from Jackson High School in 1938; and

WHEREAS, he attended Union University for two years, where he met the love of his life and future wife, Rebecca "Becky" Powell Cobb; in February 1940, he joined the National Guard, and later that year, he was sent to Ft. Jackson in Columbia, South Carolina, and he went to Camp Barkley in Abilene, Texas, in April 1942 for Officer Candidate School; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Don Webb was stationed overseas during World War II, landing in Great Britain and traveling to Omaha Beach across the English Channel on the SS *Leopoldville*; he served with the medical detachment of the 117th Infantry Regiment, 30th Division, assigned to a general hospital near La Haye-du-Puits on the Cherbourg Peninsula until the end of the war; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Webb and Rebecca Cobb were joined in holy matrimony on March 24, 1942, and their first child, Harriet Rebecca Webb, was born in September of 1943; once he rejoined them stateside, the family moved to Memphis so that he could attend the University of Tennessee (UT) College of Dentistry in January 1946; and

WHEREAS, after Dr. Webb graduated in December 1948, he and his family returned to Jackson, where he joined a local dental practice; he enjoyed a forty-two-year career in dentistry, ending his career with Dental Associates; and

WHEREAS, a respected leader among his peers, Dr. Don Webb served terms as president of the Tennessee Dental Association, president of the UT Dental Association, a founding member of the Past Presidents of the UT Dental Association, national president of the UT College of Dentistry Alumni Association, and national president of the Union University Alumni Association; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Webb was wholly committed to serving the needs of his community; among his many contributions were being a founding member of the Kiwanis Club of Jackson and being active in the establishment of Youth Town; and

WHEREAS, an avid outdoorsman, he hunted deer, turkey, quail, pheasant, duck, dove, and antelope; he went on his last deer hunt at the age of ninety-five; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Don Webb was an active and devout member of First Baptist Church since 1949, serving as chair of deacons four times, teaching Sunday School, and presiding over numerous committees; and

WHEREAS, he was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Don Webb will be lovingly remembered by his daughters, Becky Webb (Spence) Wilson and Carmen Webb (Ron) Anderson; grandchildren, Spence (Stephanie) Wilson, Jr., Rebecca (Mac) Macsoovits, Lauren (Tommy) Young, Webb (Tate) Wilson, Melissa (Caleb) Sweazy, and Lindsey (Neil) Suber; and sixteen great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Rebecca Cobb Webb; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Webb leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Dr. Donald Ross Webb, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Dr. Webb.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.